

REMARKS

A. Status of Claims

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 8 and 12 are amended herein.

B. Summary Of Office Action

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,659,617 to Fischer ("Fischer").

C. Response

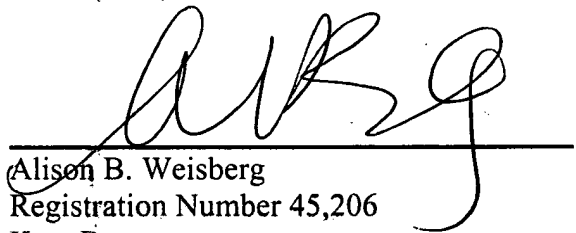
Fischer discloses a method and system for monitoring the location of objects by creating a digitally signed message, and including GPS information indicating the location of an object. In the present case, the claims are directed to methods and systems for delegating permission to a recipient and including in the permission the location the permission occurred, to be used for, i.e., controlling access to the service and monitoring the delegations. Fischer does not disclose or suggest binding a permission and the location to the recipient's public key in the course of a delegation, as required by the claims as amended.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments and marks made herein and the withdrawal of the pending rejections and the timely allowance of the pending claims. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 215-963-5091 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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